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### Cloth and Fine Beaver Overcoats,

Which they will sell at less than cost.

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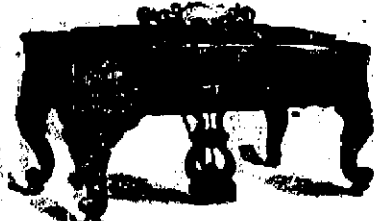
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## Steinway's Pianos

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The rapidity and certainty with which Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound cures diseases of the respiratory organs and its reliability as a remedy for consumption long ago secured for it a foremost rank among medicines of its class. It is in fact truly recognized specific for throat and bronchial diseases, promptly checks a cough, no matter of how long standing, and affords great relief in cases of asthma. It should not be mistaken for a mere palliative, since it not only affords immediate relief, but also removes all traces of the malady. It is a specific for croup. Trial size 10 cts; large size, 50 cents and One Dollar. Dr. A. J. Storr, Decatur, Ill.

Also Agent for Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which never fails. Please to take, and requires no physic. Price 25 cents.

Dec 7-11-12-13-14-15-16-17

## MONEY INVESTED.

In town lots, at bed-rock prices, in a city of steady and healthy growth, can neither shrink in value, burn up or blow away; and savings deposited in this class of property will, sooner or later, give to the depositor a home, secure to himself, his wife and children, against the exactions of landlords and creditors in the day of adversity. I have desirable investments in different parts of the city, among them some twenty on South Water Street, within three blocks of the center of business, and I am now throwing open for sale a considerable number of choice lots on North Water Street, in the heart of the city, very convenient to business, which I will sell at such prices and on such terms of payment as will put a good lot within the reach of every thrifty citizen who may wish to own a home.

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Therefore, it is impossible for

Little Middleman to Compete with Him.

If one merchant is more enterprising than others, and sells goods of his own manufacture at lower prices than all others, and the people with flock to his store and buy of him, of course the middleman will "squall"; but that cannot be helped. We shall continue to sell as low as ever.

Our prices in Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Gents' Furnishing Goods, are lower than ever. One price only.

IF GOODS NOT AS REPRESENTED, THE MONEY WILL BE CHEERFULLY REFUNDED.

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Corner East Main and Water Streets, Decatur, Ill.

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Tuckers, Ruffles, Corders, Binders, Quilters, Hemmers, Embroiders, and general supplies for all machines. GENUINE NEEDLES, PURE SPERM OIL, BOX PLATERS, &c., &c.

Particular attention given to Repairing all kinds of Sewing Machines, at the Singer Office.

GEO. P. BLUME,

No. 28 Merchant Street.

Dec. 24, 1877-1878

## LOST OR STOLEN!

Last Sunday or Sunday, December 18th and 19th, a pocket-book, in which, among other things, were the following notes:

One for one hundred dollars, made in October, 1877, by Theodore Slick, due in six months at 10 per cent., credited by \$10 interest.

One for three hundred dollars, made October, 1877, by Wm. Bevan, due in 12 months at 10 per cent., credited by 2 years interest.

One for two hundred dollars, made February, 1878, by Henry Dwyer, due in 12 months at 10 per cent., 1 year interest paid.

One for one hundred and sixty dollars, made March 4th, 1877, by August Meyer, due in 12 months at 10 per cent.

One for one hundred and sixty dollars, due in August, 1877, by William Hartung, due in 12 months at 10 per cent.

One for fifty dollars, made February, 1877, by Ben Austin, 6 months at 10 per cent.

One for two hundred dollars, made September, 1877, by D. D. Hildreth, 18 months at 10 per cent.

One for three hundred dollars, made November, 1877, by Silas Moore, 1 year after date at 10 per cent.

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And some notes made by Frank Meyer. All except those assigned to R. H. Hill are payable to me.

\$25 REWARD

will be paid for their return to me, or if they are left with Cress & Ewing, of Decatur.

All persons are warned against buying said notes.

HERMAN J. MYERS.

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## NOTICE.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the County Clerk's office until the 10th day of January, 1878, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of employing a Steward for the County Poor Farm for the year commencing March 1st, 1878.

Dec. 31-1877

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Committee.

## FOR SALE.

In consequence of my removal from the city, I will sell cheap

in Mason, Iowa, a very desirable place, containing about 100 acres, with a good house, barn, and outbuildings, and a very good location. Price, \$1,500.

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Solid Gold Rings, from \$1 to \$2.

Fine Rolled Plate Chains, from \$2 to \$3.

Gold Studs, \$1 and upward.

Ladies' Solid Gold Sets, \$3 and upward.

Genuine Elgin, Waltham and Springfield Watches, \$12 to \$15.

Fine Solid Cases at Great Bargains.

Clocks, from \$1 and upward.

Also, a Full Line of

Silver and Silver Plated Ware.

Musical Instruments Less than Cost.

Call and be convinced.

H. POST,

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## Assignee's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted to the firm of Nevill & Hammer to call and make immediate payment and save costs of suit.

W. W. POTTER.

Dec. 20-1877

Provisional Assignee.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

IRA B. CURTIS.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

No. 15 North Main Street, Decatur, Illinois.

Colleagues a Specialty. I have been appointed Justice of the Peace for the 1st Precinct, and will hold court on the 1st day of each month, at my office, No. 15 North Main Street, Decatur, Ill., at 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M. J. B. CURTIS.

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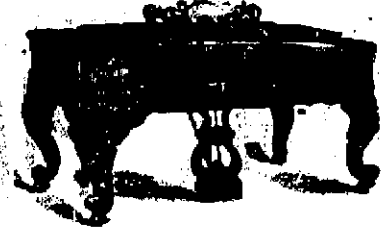
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Dec. 24, 1877-d&wlv

LOST OR STOLEN!

Last Saturday or Sunday, December 15th and 16th, a pocket-book, in which, among other things, were the following notes: One for one hundred dollars, made in October, 1877, by Theodore Scott, due in six months at 10 per cent., credited by \$10 interest. One for fifty dollars, made in October, 1877, by Wm. Evans, due in 12 months at 10 per cent., credited by \$5 interest. One for two hundred dollars, made in October, 1877, by Henry Belling, due in 12 months at 10 per cent., credited by \$20 interest. One for one hundred and sixty-five dollars, made March 4th, 1877, by August Meyer, due in one year at 10 per cent. One for one hundred and sixty dollars, made in August, 1877, by Wilhelm Haring, due in 18 months at 10 per cent. One for fifty dollars, made February, 1877, by Hon. Austin, 5 months at 10 per cent. One for ten dollars, made in December, 1877, by H. D. Hildreth, 18 months at 10 per cent. One for three hundred dollars, made November 24, by Silas Moore, 1 day after date at 10 per cent. One for one hundred dollars, made February or March, 1876, by Henry Ewing, due in 10 months at 10 per cent. All notes made by Frank Meyer. All except those assigned to R. H. Hill are payable to me.

\$25 REWARD

will be paid for their return to me at my residence in Decatur, Ill., if they are left with Cress & Ewing, of Decatur. All persons are warned against buying said notes. HERMAN J. MYERS.

Dec. 18-dtf

NOTICE.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the County Clerk's office until the 10th day of January, 1878, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of employing a constable for the County Poor Farm for the year commencing March 1st, 1878. J. W. BRENNEMAN, County Clerk.

FOR SALE.

In consequence of my removal from the city, I will sell cheap for cash my premises on Mason Street, 111 feet front, nearly set in trees and shrubbery; house in good repair; 6 rooms, hall and cellar; barn and outbuildings. Also will sell horse and buggy. J. W. SMITH.

Dec. 20-dtf

LOT FOR SALE.

LOT 7, Block 2, West & Co's Addition to Decatur. Lot fronts 40 feet on Mason St. and 100 feet on West St. It will be sold cheap for cash. BENJ. HILL.

Great Closing-Out Sale

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The Finest and Most Select Stock in the city, which will be sold at

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THESE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT FOR CASH, and can sell them at 50 PER CENT. CHEAPER than ever offered before. I would call your attention to prices on a few staple articles, all other goods in proportion.

Solid Gold Rings, from \$1 to \$2.

Fine Rolled Plate Chains, from \$2 to \$3.

Gold Studs, \$1 and upward.

Ladies' Solid Gold Sets, \$3 and upward.

Genuine Elgin, Waltham and Springfield Watches, \$12 to \$15.

Fine Solid Cases at Great Bargains. Clocks, from \$1 and upward.

Also, a full line of

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Musical Instruments Less than Cost.

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No. 26 Merchant Street.

Dec. 1, 1877-d&wlv

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A Full Line of—

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R. C. CROCKER,

No. 9 Water Street.

Dec 17-d&wlv

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Back numbers can be supplied at any time.

The Volume of the Weekly commencing with the year 1877 is now in the press, and will be ready for sale in the Number next after the receipt of his order.

The Annual Volume of Harper's Weekly, in next cloth binding, will be sent by express, free of charge, provided the freight does not exceed one dollar, for \$7.00 each. A complete set, comprising the Weekly and the Magazine, sent on receipt of cash at the rate of \$6.25 per vol., freight at expense of purchaser.

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Assignee's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in or about the city of Decatur, Ill., who have claims against the firm of Novell & Hammer to call and make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dec. 20-dtf

Professional Assignee.

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J. A. B. CURTIS,

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

No. 25 North Main Street, Decatur, Illinois. Collections a Specialty. Also, Notary Public, Banker, Miller & Co., Bankers, A. T. Hill, National Bank, John Ulrich, Wholesale Grocer; J. R. Race & Co., Clocks, Jewels, Postmaster. Dec. 14, 1877-d&wlv

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Offer their professional services to the public. Continuous Gum Work a Specialty. Office in Central Block, over the grocery store, Decatur, Ill. Work warranted. Nov. 18, 1877-d&wlv

FRANK W. HAINES,

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Distributor and Agent Smith's Opera House, may be found on inquiry at the REVEREND Counting Room.

E. P. BARTLETT,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Office on Prairie Street, over "Globe" Book and Shoe Store, next to our Drug Store. The practice of my profession, I would respectfully ask the citizens of Decatur, and vicinity to give me a share of their patronage. I will be found at my office at all hours, day and night, unless otherwise notified. Special attention given to diseases of women and children. J. W. BARTLEY.

R. B. LEONARD,

Teacher of Dancing.

Orders left at Prof. Goodman's, in Brownman's Hall, or at Mr. Leonard's residence, corner Broadway and East Water Street, will be promptly attended to. Specialties—Waltzing, Glissade, Schottische and Quadrilles. Private lessons given at the house of pupils, at any time. Out of town classes instructed on reasonable terms. nov 18-d&wlv

S. J. BUNSTEAD, M.D.

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JOSIAH M. GLOVER,

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Office over the Decatur National Bank. Special attention to matters in Probate and Chancery. Decatur, Ill., Apr. 7-77. d&wlv

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Office No. 14 East Main Street, up stairs, Decatur, Illinois. April 18-77.

BROWN & TAIT,

Attorneys-at-Law,

Office 22 North Water Street, over Fenton's Clothing and Hat Store. Collections and all legal business promptly attended to. July 15-d&wlv

P. B. STARKES, M.D.

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Office over Post Office, Decatur, Ill. All calls promptly responded to in this city or by day or night. Residence No. 10 West Wood Street. August 18-77.

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## CITY DEPARTMENT.

Cheap Charley's motor. "Be just, and fear not."

Nice winter weather.

Regular monthly meeting of the city council on Monday evening next.

Read the new advertisement of S. Einstein in to-day's paper.

Circuit Court resumes on Monday next, with Judge Nelson in the chair.

The river is frozen over in some places where the current is not rapid.

The city schools are to re-open on Monday morning next. The young folks will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Now that the roads are well frozen, if they remain so they will soon wear smooth, and transportation on wheels will again be comfortable.

Two boys and girls are happy to-day over the prospect of a good run of skating. Yesterday we noticed them tripping gaily along the streets with skates in hand.

An exchange says: "If the short man ever feels overcome with an intense desire to be tall it is when he finds himself on the outside of a crowd at a dog fight."

A dog many insist just now that they are obeying the injunction to remember the poor when they sit down and think of themselves.

Look over the church calendar for tomorrow and make up your mind where to attend church and be sure you don't forget to go.

FARRIS in large numbers faced the bleak wind of to-day and made their weekly visit to the city, and stores are having a fair trade.

CHARLEY HOLT was at Taylorville last night working in temperance cause. Forty-three signed the pledge, and the enthusiasm there is on the increase.

THURMAN is one great trouble about the silver business. It is this, that it invariably rattles in your pocket when you begin telling one of your creditors that you have not a cent to your name.

CASE DISTINGUISH.—The case of the City vs. Frank Corning, which was set for eight o'clock this morning, before Justice Albert, was dismissed, as the prosecuting witnesses failed to appear in time.

MASS MEETING TO-NIGHT.—Don't forget the temperance mass meeting at the court-house to-night. Capt. J. H. Post and Rev. W. G. Fisher are expected to address the meeting, and should there be time others will speak. Come one, come all.

RECEIVED.—Last evening a glad and happy party assembled at the residence of Mr. W. F. Fisher, on Macon street, for the purpose of congratulating Mr. Walter Fisher on the attainment of his majority, he having reached his 21st birthday. The A. P. C. Club was largely represented in the company. Music for the occasion was furnished by Goodman's orchestra. A splendid refreshment was served at a proper time. All present voted the party one of the pleasantest of the season, and as they separated left their best wishes with the host.

PROF. EDWARD B. MOUSE, of Massachusetts, has been engaged to deliver two lectures at the Opera House, on the evening of January 17th and 18th. The Professor has recently returned from Japan, where he has spent several years in investigations. His lectures here will be upon the different forms of life, from the lowest or microscopic, to the highest or man. It is through the influence of the Decatur Philosophical Club, aided by the leading and prominent citizens of this city, that his services have been secured.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The 18th annual meeting of Young America, Hook and Ladder Company took place at the quarters last night, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Enos Koper, Captain.

Chas. M. Fletcher, 1st Lieutenant.

Charles C. Dempsey, 2d Lieutenant.

Jacob M. Egan, Secretary.

Ed. D. Carter, Treasurer.

J. G. Cloyd, Ladder Director.

I. W. Ehrman, Bucket Director.

F. D. Caldwell, Hook Director.

Edward Gates, As Director.

Finance Committee—L. W. Ehrman, J. G. Cloyd and L. L. Ferriss.

DISCHARGED.—In our issue of yesterday mention was made of a habeas corpus case in progress before Judge Nelson, the case being that of The People vs. Mrs. Mary England, of Monticello county, who lives in the vicinity of Dalton City, and who was charged with setting fire to her own house some time last fall. She had a hearing at the time, and was committed to jail under a Justice's mittimus to await trial at the coming term of court. Her friends being confident that there was really no case against her, had her brought before Judge Nelson on a writ of habeas corpus; and, upon hearing the evidence in the case, as once discharged the woman. A dozen or more witnesses were present.

THIS WEEK OF PRAYER.—At a meeting of the city pastors, held Jan. 4th, it was agreed that a union service be held each afternoon from 7:30 to 8 o'clock at the central churches, as follows:

Monday—Presbyterian Church; subject, Retrospect and Thanksgiving.

Tuesday—First A. M. Church, Prayer for the Sick.

Wednesday—Baptist Church, Prayer for Parents and Children.

Thursday—Christian Church, Prayer for Nations and Rulers.

Friday—U. B. Church, Prayer for Missions and Benevolent Enterprises.

Saturday—Church of God, Prayer for Temperance and its Outgrowth.

## OUR GREAT MISFORTUNE.

## Suspension of Peddecord &amp; Burrows.

The Other Banks Determined to Weather the Storm.

In these days of financial calamity every fresh reverse adds to the existing difficulties, and it was therefore with a terrible sinking of hearts that our citizens this morning read the following card, which appeared in the Sun:

TO OUR CREDITORS:

We are under the painful necessity of closing our doors as bankers. The continued financial depression throughout the country, together with local adverse causes known to all business men in the community, drives us reluctantly to this course.

We have used every honorable means to secure funds to meet the daily calls upon us. It is useless to continue the struggle further. The only honorable course left is to suspend business. Our assets are large and valuable, and every dollar of our property shall be carefully and faithfully appropriated to the payment of our creditors, as we hope and firmly believe, in full.

Peddecord & Burrows.

Jan. 5, 1878.

The suspension was, of course, the chief topic of conversation on the streets, in the stores, and in all other public places, as soon as it became public. The general tone of public sentiment was to the effect that while the misfortune was probably the greatest which ever befel Decatur, it was not to be attributed to any reasons which could possibly reflect upon the integrity of Peddecord & Burrows, but that it was entirely due to causes incident to the present anomalous condition of affairs.

Inquiry made of persons thoroughly familiar with the business of the firm revealed the fact that the troubles under which the bank suspended were of a nature similar to those which have almost so many other banks.

A bank is of no use to a community unless it affords accommodations to its patrons. In these times, however, with a short crop and a mud embargo of nearly two months' duration and of such unprecedented character as to absolutely stop all attempts to move the produce of the country to market, it is by no means strange that borrowers should find themselves without the means to pay their notes at maturity, and bankers correspondingly embarrassed. It was this that caused Peddecord & Burrows to run short of cash means with which to meet the demands of their depositors, who pressed for money to meet their own debts and to live upon, and made nervous by the late bank failures here and elsewhere, checked out their balances with a rapidly altogether unusual. The firm hoped to be able to pull through until last evening, when, in response to an effort to obtain currency in New York upon first-class collaterals, a telegram was received with the information that currency could not be procured, no matter how gilt-edged the paper might be.

We are assured upon the best authority that the manufacturing interests of Peddecord & Burrows are in no wise responsible for the suspension of the firm.

These ventures have been reasonably successful, considering the times, and have not been sources of loss in any sense. They have paid their way at least, and are therefore not to be blamed with the reverse which have overtaken the firm.

What action will be taken by the firm is not known as yet, but an assignment is spoken of by those supposed to be posted. It is to be hoped that some means will be devised to prevent the necessity of such a step, as we learn that the assets of the firm are largely in excess of the liabilities, and would have to be almost given away to entail any loss upon the creditors.

Besides, it is to the interest of everybody that the firm of Peddecord & Burrows should be again placed on its feet, and the factories owned and operated by it be started up at once. The people of Decatur cannot afford to have all these industries suspended, nor can they afford to strike the firm of Peddecord & Burrows from their list of business men.

Let us all hope for the best, and in the meantime let us hold up the hands of all our business men, endeavoring to bring back confidence and start business in its accustomed channels.

AT THE OTHER BANKS.

The fear was general this morning that the suspension of Peddecord & Burrows would cause a run on the other banks, but the friends of both determined to stand by them and see them through. At Millikin's there was quite a crowd during the forenoon, but most of these present were drawn there by mere curiosity, and not half of them had a dollar on deposit.

All checks were paid as usual, and the impression soon got abroad that "Jim" was all right, especially with the splendid backing he showed; and long before noon all semblance of a run had ceased. At half past one o'clock everything was quiet, and the bank reported that they had received more in the way of deposits than they had paid out.

At the Decatur National the morning was unusually quiet, the amount of checks presented being less than is usual on Saturday, and the deposits up to noon largely exceeded the amounts checked out. Mr. Hill informed our reporter that his friends had proffered assistance, but he had informed them that he needed none.

It is fair to assume, therefore, that all danger of a panic is over, and that business will resume its ordinary degree of quiet by Monday.

DIED.—We learn that Mrs. James Ellis, of Mt. Zion, died last night, after a long and painful illness. The deceased was the eldest daughter of Peter Bohrer, one of the oldest settlers of the county, and she was a most estimable woman.

Call and see the Cotton Fannels S. Einstein is selling at twelve yards for one dollar.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

As Filed from December 28, 1877, to January 4, 1878.

Feb. 8, 1877; Joseph Wilson to James H. Williams, warranty deed for \$2,000; east half northeast qr. of sec. 3, town 18, range 2 east.

Aug. 31, 1873; H. C. R. R. Co. to John H. Crocker, deed for \$65; lot 8; block 11; railroad addition to Marion.

April 22, 1871; Associate Land Co. of Connecticut to John H. Crocker, deed for \$110; lot 14, block 15, Marion.

June 24, 1864; Peleg Kent to John Crocker, deed for \$1,000; lot 4, block 4, Marion, except 20 feet of south side.

June 20, 1874; Edwin A. Thayer to John H. Crocker, warranty deed for \$210; lot 11, block 18, Marion.

Oct. 10, 1877; Edwin B. Hale, executor, to John Miller, warranty deed for \$2,000; south half of southwest qr. sec. 10, town 16, range 1 east.

Dec. 10, 1877; Chas. S. McKay to Wm. McKinney, \$100; west half southwest qr. Warranty deed.

July 12, 1865; Martin Forstmyer to Willis H. Martin, warranty deed for \$90; lot 8; block 2, Forstmyer's addition.

July 26, 1875; Hiram C. Russell to Henry E. Kent, warranty deed for \$1,000; lot 9, block 12, Marion.

Dec. 10, 1877; Jordan Burkey to John H. Clark, warranty deed for \$1,000; west half northwest qr. northwest qr. sec. 26, and south half southeast qr. northwest qr. sec. 14 and other land—all in town 10, range 1 west.

Nov. 23, 1877; Isaac V. Goltra to John and J. W. Hatfield and B. Z. Taylor, warranty deed for \$1,000; 10 acres in sec. 31, town 18, range 1 east.

Feb. 16, 1877; Joseph Crehman to John H. Clark, quit claim for \$250; part of southeast qr. of southwest qr. of sec. 14, town 10, range 1 west.

Nov. 5, 1870; John H. Clark, adm'r, to Jordan Burkey, deed for \$1,000; land in section 14 and 26, town 10, range 1 west.

Dec. 16, 1877; Joseph Cameron to K. W. Conn, warranty deed for \$400; two acres in northwest qr. of sec. 9, town 15, range 2 east.

Oct. 23, 1877; George C. Lyon to John Crocker, deed for \$5,500; south half northwest qr. sec. 4, and east half northeast qr. of sec. 5, all in town 18, range 2 east.

Warranty deed.

Dec. 24, 1877; Henry D. W. Dodge to Emily C. Hutchings, warranty deed for \$610; north part east half east half lot 8 of northeast qr. sec. 2, town 15, range 8 east (28 acres).

Dec. 23, 1877; Wm. Carlton to John P. Lane, warranty deed for \$1,000; north-west qr. northwest qr. sec. 2, town 17, range 1 east.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.—A gentleman by the name of C. C. Collins, of Iowa, is in the city, exhibiting samples of artificial limbs, of his own manufacture, which are made of leather, instead of wood. The invention is his own, and he has procured a patent upon it. The invention is highly recommended by Dr. D. T. Kyrer, of Macon, who has tested it upon himself. Surgeons of this city have also examined the apparatus, and pronounced it in every way superior to the wooden limbs. It is much more durable than the latter, and costs only about half as much. An effort is being made by those who have examined the invention to induce the patentee to establish his factory in this city, and with suitable encouragement he may probably be persuaded to do so.

Mr. Collins and a sample of his invention may be found at the shoe store of W. F. Fisher, on East Main street. Persons in the community who have the misfortune to need anything of the kind, will do well to examine into the matter.

Mr. Collins has shown us a model of his work, and he has already fitted out three different parties in this county, one of them being Dr. Kyrer, who recommends the article in the highest terms, as does also the other parties who have obtained it.

CORN SPRING.—We clip the following from an exchange published in the eastern part of the state:

The reports from all parts in Illinois and Iowa give a deplorable account of the condition of the corn, which is suffering severely from the warm and wet weather. Much of it is already suffering from the mildew, and is rotting both on the stalk and in the cobs. Unless the weather changes very soon the damage to the corn crop will be no less than 50 per cent. Even if there should be an immediate change in the weather, the damage will be about 25 per cent. of the total amount raised.

We have heard some complaint from farmers of our own county of corn rotting in the crib, but hardly to the extent indicated in the above statement. We think the change in the weather will check all tendency to rot or mould, and a few cold, dry days will set the matter right. We sincerely hope that the corn raised may be saved, and we believe it will be for the most part.

A PLEASANT PARTY.—Last evening a party of young people to the number of about twenty couples assembled at the residence of Mr. Sullivan Burgess, on Morgan street, where a very pleasant evening was spent in dancing and other amusements. Leonard's orchestra furnished music for the occasion. About half-past eleven an elegant supper was served, and an hour later the party separated, with pleasant recollections of the hour.

MASONIC.—A special meeting of Macon Lodge No. 8, A. F. and A. M., will be held this (Saturday) evening, at 7 o'clock, sharp, for work in M. M. degree. Members of Ionic Lodge and visiting brethren are cordially invited.

W. W. FOSTER, W. M.

Pike, the jeweler, has removed to his old stand, at Armstrong's drug store. Watch repairing a specialty.

Jan. 3—dtd

A large lot of new Prints just received at S. Einstein's.

Jan. 3—dtd

## THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

JAMES CHAPEL.

Services at 10 A. M. and at 7 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Locke. Sunday School at 9 o'clock in the morning. All are invited.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Services by the rector, Rev. Stephen H. Granberry, at the regular hours, morning and evening. Sunday School at 9 o'clock P. M.

UNITED CHURCH.

Rev. W. B. Allen, the pastor, will preach morning and evening at the usual hours. Sunday school at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Seats free, and a cordial invitation to all.

ST. MARY'S R. CHAPEL.

Rev. S. MacBarny will preach at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Evening subject, "Capital Punishment—Is it Right?" Communion after morning sermon. You are invited.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

There will be services at this church at 10 o'clock in the morning, and at 7 in the evening, by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Imman.

U. B. CHURCH.

There will be preaching at this church at 10 o'clock in the morning, by Rev. L. Field. Also, services in the evening at the usual hour. Love-feast in the morning, at half past nine.

FIRST P. M. CHURCH.

The pastor will preach in the morning on "Christian Union," and at night on "The Sure Foundation." Sunday school at 2 P. M. All are invited.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Regular services at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. by the pastor.

FURNACE SERVICES OF Mrs. Martha Le-forgues will be held at this church to-morrow (Sunday) at 10 o'clock P. M.

Y. M. C. A.

The appointments of the Young Men's Christian Association for the coming week are as follows: The Sabbath Afternoon service will be held in Reform Club Hall, at 2 o'clock, continuing one hour.

Morning prayer meeting in Reform Club Hall, every morning from 9 to 10 o'clock, to which all are invited. Come, although you may be able to remain but a few minutes. The Tuesday and Thursday evening meetings will be omitted.

COM.

A Good Suggestion.—The Pontiac Sentinel justly remarks: "Parents ought to consider that it is entirely unnecessary for their children to go to the postoffice and from their way to school, from four to six times per day, and request them to stop it. People who don't get a letter once a fortnight will let several children go to the office day after day and worry the clerks for no purpose whatever."

People have but little idea of how much an annoyance it is to postoffice clerks to have two or three scores of school children calling for letters at the general delivery, and as many more thumping on boxes at the same time. While it is the duty of clerks to deliver letters to those that call, they have a great deal of unnecessary annoyance from the source indicated.

PERSONAL.

Messrs. John and David Heckman, of Cerro Gordo, made the REPUBLICAN office a pleasant call yesterday afternoon. Both gentlemen are readers of the REPUBLICAN.

It has Stood the Test.

If you doubt the wonderful success of SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE, give it a trial; then if you are not perfectly satisfied, return the bottle and we will refund the price paid. It has established the fact that Consumption can be cured, while for Coughs, Hoarseness, Asthma, Whooping Cough, and all Lung or Throat troubles, there is nothing like it for a quick and positive cure, and it seldom fails. 10 cents, 50 cents, and \$1.00 per bottle. If your lungs are sore, or Chest or Back lame, use SHILOH'S PLEASANT CURE. Price 25 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

DR. SHILOH'S SYSTEM VITALIZER is no doubt the most successful cure for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaints we have ever known, otherwise we could not guarantee it. In cases of Consumption, where General Debility, Loss of Appetite and Constipation exist, it will restore and regulate the system, while SHILOH'S CURE always the inflammation and heals the lungs. Price 75 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

HACKMETACK, a rich and fragrant perfume. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

Dec 14—dtd

S. Einstein is selling his full stock of Dress Goods at cost. Call and see his prices.

Jan. 3—dtd

All Wool Super Carpets at 70c.

Best all wool Super. 75c.

Extra Super. 85c.

Best Lowest Extra Super. 90c.

Good Tapestry Brussels. 45c.

Extra good Tap. Brussels. 45c.

Best English Tap. Brussels. 1.15

Good Body Brussels. 1.35

Best. 1.50

Oil cloths at reduced rates.

Dec 12 & 14—dtd

MARKET REPORT.

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 4, 1878.

GRAIN MARKET.

FLOUR—White Wheat, selling per hundred, 2.00

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CORN MEAL—Yellow, 1.00

SHORNS—Per hundred, selling, 2.00

CORN—Old shelled, 1.00

CORN—New, 1.00

WHEAT—Selling, 1.00

POTATOES—Early Rose, 40c.

BUTTER—Per lb, 12c.

EUGEN—Per lb, 12c.

ELMOTH—Selling, 1.00

SIDE-BACON—Selling, 1.00

HAMS—Selling, 1.00

CARRIAGE—Per dozen, 1.00

WHEAT—Selling, 1.00

NEW ORLEANS—Per bushel, 1.00

APPLES—Per bushel, 1.00

HOG CATTLE—Per cow, 1.00

FAT CATTLE—Per cow, 1.00

WOL—Per head, 1.00

HIDES—Green, 1.00

BREED PIGS—Apiece, 1.00

TALLOW—Per pound, 1.00

## Read Ashby's Notice (one in Rhymes, Of Christmas Goods to Suit Hard Times.

All ye who wish for Christmas Gifts, And want them cheap and nice, I'll tell you where's the very place. If you'll take my advice!

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